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FOR: SCA/VO, EUR/SOV

E. O. 11652; N/A

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR NEW VISA MACHINES

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1. EMBASSY CURRENTLY HAS TWO BURROUGHS CORPORATION MANUAL VISA PRINTING MACHINES WHICH ARE BOTH IN NEED OF REPAIR. ONE OF THE MACHINES, AND OLD MODEL APPEARS READY FOR RETIREMENT, WHILE ON THE SECOND, THE DOUBLE KEY SECURITY SYSTEM DOES NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY BUT CAN PROBABLY BE REPAIRED. THE DOUBLE KEY SYSTEM WAS INADVERTENTLY DAMAGED AS THE MACHINE WAS BEING PUT INTO SERVICE SO THAT ITS CONDITION IS CLEARLY NOT THE RESULT OF UNAUTHORIZED TAMPERING. TO COMPENSATE FOR INOPERATIVE DOUBLE KEY SYSTEM, CONSULAR SECTION MUST TAKE TIME CONSUMING AND CUMBERSOME SECURITY MEASURES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE HIGH VOLUME AND IMPORTANCE OF VISA ISSUANCE, EMBASSY REQUIRES AT LEAST TWO COMPLETELY SERVICEABLE VISA MACHINES TO SERVE AS PRIMARY AND BACK-UP EQUIPMENT. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT TWO NEW BURROUGHS MANUAL VISA STAMPING MACHINES BE POUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UPON RECEIPT OF NEW MACHINES, EMBASSY WILL PACK AND SHIP BOTH MACHINES ON HAD, UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS EMBASSY NOT TO SEND THE OLDER MACHINE.

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